

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Germany scored heavily in Monday's operations. A notable victory was claimed in Galicia with the capture of 8,000 Russians, the western front was firmly held, a successful raid into the Baltic region was reported and several more steamers were sunk, including one big Norwegian vessel.

Japan is trying hard to pick a quarrel with China and is said to be preparing to send an ultimatum amounting to an unreasonable bluff. As China cannot fight Japan, her course would probably be to appeal to Great Britain and the United States.

Ambassador Gerard has brought about an arrangement by which Germany agrees to accord British officers who are prisoners exactly the same treatment England gives German submarine prisoners.

Louisville, Bowling Green, Owensboro, Clarksville and other towns had storms Monday night, but Hopkinsville got off with a breeze and sprinkle.

Billy Sunday says that the sinners that made their beds must lie in them. They seem much inclined to Sabbath mornings.—Owensboro Inquirer.

Germany has evened up her two "interns" in the United States by sinking the British steamer Minterne.

Chancellor Lloyd-George says the war is costing Great Britain \$10,500,000 a day.

Strawberry growers of Humboldt, Tenn., are advertisers for pickers.

Silos are being built underground extensively through the West.

TIPS OF PULLMAN PORTERS DISCUSSED

Federal Industrial Relations Commission Considers Pay of Railroad Men.

Washington, May 5.—Robert T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of directors of the Pullman company, frankly told the United States commission on industrial relations here that he believed the system of paying sleeping car porters should be changed, and that wages of Pullman car conductors should be increased. Both of these subjects he said would be taken up by the company's directors in the near future.

The son of President Lincoln freely discussed the subject of tips upon which negro porters are compelled to rely for a living. He insisted, however, that employment afforded the negro by the Pullman company has been one of the most uplifting opportunities the race has had.

While declaring his belief that tipping of Pullman porters by the public would continue, even if the meager salary of \$27.50 a month were increased, Mr. Lincoln admitted that the wage system for porters was antiquated, and had given him considerable annoyance.

EVERY SEAT FILLED At The Athenaeum—Banquet This Evening at Hotel Latham.

Secretary Linton has increased the covers for the Athenaeum Banquet from 90 to 120, the full number allowed. Indications point to the largest attendance at any previous banquet. The contracts have been let for music and flowers, and the Messrs. No. 8 are planning to let the guests into the dining room promptly at 8:30. They will assemble in the hotel parlors half an hour earlier. There will be five after dinner speeches.

HENDERSON AVIATOR

Will Give Exhibition Flights at Fair Ground Tomorrow.

DOES LATEST LOOP STUNTS.

Has Arrived To Make Flights Here Friday and Saturday.

Baxter Adams, the intrepid young aviator of Henderson, accompanied by his mechanic Fred Eels, arrived in the city yesterday and big preparations are being made for the aviation meet at the fair grounds Friday and Saturday.

Young Adams is a Henderson boy and has made a wide reputation in his work as an aviator. He does all of the difficult and dangerous stunts that have cost so many aviators their lives. The flights will be made from the field in front of the grand stand and there will be comfortable seats for the spectators.

The Hopkinsville Motor Club will give a series of races between flights to entertain the crowd. The low price of 50 cents admits to all, children half price.

Accident at Henderson.

The Henderson Gleaner of Tuesday contained this notice of the accident to the biplane of Aviator Baxter Adams:

"Keen disappointment was felt by at least 2,000 visitors who came to Henderson Sunday to see Baxter Adams fly. Great crowds came from Evansville by the boat load and on traction cars, and people from Morgantown, Uniontown, Marion, Owensboro and Princeton, Cannelton and Washington, (Indiana) arrived by train and motor at all hours of the morning. Had the biplane been repaired in time for the flight, Baxter would have exhibited to a larger crowd than was ever drawn to Henderson by a single attraction.

When the biplane's propeller was splintered Friday, the promoters thought one could be secured from Hopkinsville, or from some point nearer than the factory at Hammondsport, New York, so the telegraph wires were kept hot for several hours before it was learned that a propeller of the desired dimensions would have to be made at the factory. An order was immediately placed and the part will likely arrive in Henderson today.

Should the propeller arrive today, Baxter will ship his biplane to Hopkinsville tonight and his mechanic Fred Eels, will follow Tuesday morning. Adams has a contract with the Hopkinsville Motorcycle club to fly at the fair grounds, at that place, Friday and Saturday, May 7-8. Flattering terms are named in the contract and the Motorcycle club, the press and the business men of Hopkinsville are advertising the event over all Christian and surrounding counties."

Boy Kills Brother.

Russellville, Ky., May 5.—A .22 caliber rifle in the hands of a younger brother was accidentally discharged, instantly killing Ringle Yeagley, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Yeagley, who reside about three miles south of this city. The bullet entered the mouth and went entirely through the head, severing the spinal cord. The boys had just finished the dinner and started frog-hunting when the killing occurred.

Academy of Medicine.

The Academy of Medicine meeting Monday night was well attended. Those present were: Drs. Bell, Cather, Rozzell, Rudd, Perkins, Harned, Southall, Stephens, Held, Reynolds, Rice, Stroube. Paper was rendered by Dr. Stroube.

Supper Saturday Night.

An ice cream supper will be given at the New Idea Consolidated School house next Saturday night, May 8.

TO ELECT TEACHERS

School Board Will Meet Tomorrow Night and Reorganize.

FACULTIES TO BE CHOSEN.

Old Teachers Will Be Re-elected With But Few Exceptions.

The School Board will meet tomorrow night for reorganization. A new chairman will have to be elected, as Chairman Ira L. Smith is one of the retiring members. T. W. Morris and J. H. Cate, the two new members, will take their seats for terms of three years.

The regular election of teacher will be held and it is expected that all will be re-elected with two or three exceptions.

Prof. Moore, principal of the High School, and Prof. Sweet, of the Manual Training department, and perhaps one of the lady teachers will not be applicants for re-election.

BIG BLOW IN CLARKSVILLE

Rain and Windstorm Sunday Night Did Much Damage To City.

Clarksville, Tenn., May 5.—The storm which swept over this city Sunday night was one of the most destructive that has visited this section in years. The storm clouds gathered in the south and persons on their way home from church noticed lightning flashes at intervals. Soon the wind arose and by 9:30 the lightning flashes were almost incessant. The wind blew for about five minutes, it is said, at eighty miles an hour. At any rate, the destruction was great. In all directions telephone wires are down and it is impossible to get detailed reports of the damage. However, it has been reported to us that quite a number of barns on the south side of the river were blown down. Several trees on Greenwood avenue were uprooted and the roof blown from Mr. Martin's home, which is known as the old Kendrick place.

The storm probably reached the zenith of its fury at about Rudolph town, where Will Gill had a barn blown down. Emmet Rudolph lost two barns and had another badly damaged. Lacy Rudolph also lost a barn. Many telephone poles were blown across the road, and traffic was hindered by a mass of wires. A tree was blown down at the home of Owen Davis, of near Rudolph town. Mrs. Davis saw the tree fall as the lightning flashed. It seemed as if the tree would surely fall upon the house. Mrs. Davis was so frightened that she suffered nervous prostration.

The Electric Light company, suffered considerably from last night's storm, mainly from trees falling upon the commercial and street lighting lines. Several sections of the city were thus deprived of service, including Madison Extension, South Clarksville and in New Providence. Lightning also played a part, blowing out transformer fuses in various parts of the city.

Blight Begins Early.

Columbia, Tenn., May 5.—Blight, which has attacked the apple crop during the past week will, in the opinion of Former Representative Richard A. Wilkes, of Culleoka, one of the best-known horticulturists of the county, destroy two-thirds to three-fourths of the apple crop of this section.

Baptist Conventions.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Houston, Texas, next Wednesday May 12 for six days. The Northern Baptist Convention will meet in Los Angeles, Cal., May 19 to 26.

CYCLISTS CAME BACK

When They Struck The Mud Roads of Todd County Tuesday.

TWO WENT TO BOWLING GREEN

There Were Six Starters And The Route Scheduled Covered 140 Miles.

The endurance contest by motorcycle riders Tuesday was not finished. The riders struck the area of the storm of the day before and one by one dropped out of the 140 mile run scheduled. There were six starters and they left here Tuesday morning. They were: Archie Hopson, Arthur Bowles, W. H. Hester, R. B. Hall, Claude Morris and Culpepper McGee.

The route outlined was to Elkton, Russellville, Adairville, Springfield, Guthrie, Clarksville, Trenton, Pembroke and back to Hopkinsville. Things moved nicely until they left the pikes of Christian county and struck the mud roads of Todd at Elkton when four of them were attacked with cold feet and Hopkinsville looked good to them. Hopson and Bowles struck out for Russellville, which they finally reached. There they learned of the storm and heavy roads towards Guthrie and Clarksville and abandoned the route and struck out for Bowling Green, expecting to find a flock of wild geese, but finding no fowls there to chase they came back home.

NEGRO MAKES CONFESSION

Jesse White Says Coal Operator Had Previously Fired on Him.

Birmingham, Ala., May 3.—Jesse White, a negro, arrested yesterday in connection with the killing of Dr. C. C. Ferrell, a wealthy coal operator and widely known author, made a statement to-day, according to police, in which he said he shot Dr. Ferrell after the latter had fired on him. White said, according to the authorities, that he and another negro were returning from Flat Creek and had stopped for a moment at the commissary building of the coal company, of which Dr. Ferrell was president, when Ferrell appeared with a revolver and began firing. He said he fired in reply and then fled, according to the police announcement.

Members of the Ferrell family told the police last night that Dr. Ferrell, whose home is near the commissary building, had been killed in a fight with burglars.

White denies that he attempted to rob the Ferrell home or any of the mining company's buildings. The negro who accompanied him also is under arrest.

Less Peace Talk.

The London Daily News says that the budget statement, which Lloyd-George introduced in the House of Commons Tuesday, will be a provisional one, on the assumption that the war will last throughout the financial year 1915-16. The assumption that the war will be a long one has been made for some time by the coolest observers.

Kentuckian Wounded.

Evansville, Ind., May 3.—Lucian Merritt, about thirty years old, of Trenton, Ky., was found at Howell, Ind., below here, to-day with a bad bullet wound in his back, and the man is in a serious condition. Merritt says he was shot by railroad men and the officials are investigating.

Scientists have estimated that more than 15 per cent of the earth's crust is composed of aluminum.

AUTO FOR DILLMAN

Road Engineer Given a Car to Use in His Road Work.

MUCH WORK IS ORDERED.

Plans on Foot For The New State Aid Pike on Princeton Road.

The Fiscal Court held an unusually busy session Tuesday and planned so much new work for Road Engineer Dillman that an appropriation of \$533.33 was made to purchase a Ford automobile for his use.

The following contracts were let for new sections of pike: Banks Campbell, half mile on Palmyra road; Lanier and Brinkley, section on Greenville road; C. G. Duke, 2 miles on Buttermilk road.

The Road Engineer was ordered to prepare plans for the new State aid road on Princeton road and report at the next meeting. He was also ordered to advertise for bids for a section on the Julian road.

D. T. Cranor agreed to keep up 40 miles of dirt road to be designated by the Road Engineer if the court would build in the gap of two miles on the Madisonville road, using the ballast rock on the old roadbed of the L. & N. railroad. Bids are to be opened for the work.

The court offers to spend \$250 on the hill this side of Lake Tandy if the Hunting and Fishing Club will spend the same amount.

A bridge was ordered over Johnson's creek, on the Kirkmansville road.

It was ordered that 600 yards of stone be crushed for repairs on the Edwards' Mill road.

Another loan of \$5,000 was ordered to be negotiated for the county.

T. C. Clark was allowed \$60 for patrol duty.

STRUCK BY AN AUTO

Attempted To Cross Pike Just As Machine Approached and Was Knocked Down.

Sophia Bord, a colored woman, living on the Canton pike, about five miles from the city, was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. R. T. Stowe, Sr., of this city, Tuesday, and sustained some painful bruises about the head. The woman was in conversation with a teamster who had stopped his wagon near her house, when Mr. Stowe came along in his auto. Just as the latter approached the woman attempted to cross the pike and she was struck by the fender of the machine and knocked down. She fell in such a manner that she was also hit on the head by one of the rear wheels of the machine. Her injuries are not regarded as very serious. The machine was only going at the rate of about eight miles an hour when the woman was struck. The accident was unavoidable, as the victim did not attempt to cross the pike until the auto was in a few feet of her.

Matrimonial Red Tape.

Rev. Clinton S. Quin, rector of Grace Episcopal church Paducah, announces that he will not perform marriage ceremonies in the future unless the bans are published in the church for a specified time and the prospective bridegroom furnishes a health certificate. His stand is in keeping with the ritual of the Episcopal church, and is endorsed by the congregation.

Work on South Main.

South Main street from 15th to 17th is being rebuilt this week. The street is first torn up, regraded and then rolled and where necessary new stone is used.

CZAR'S TROOPS DEFEAT TURKS

Three Days' Battle in Persia Won by Russians is Petrograd's Report.

RUSSIANS LOSE IN GALICIA.

While Germans Report Successes, No Claim is Made of Towns Taken.

London, May 5.—The Russians have had at least a partial revenge for their defeat in western Galicia by badly defeating the Turks who had invaded Persia.

The Turkish defeat took place in a three days' battle near the frontier and Petrograd reports that the Russians inflicted heavy losses. If the success has been followed up, military observers declare that Persia now should be free of her uninvited guests.

This battle, however, was a small affair compared with what Germany and Austria claim to have done to the Russians in Galicia. Their reports state that some 30,000 Russians were captured and that many guns were taken. There was no mention, however, of any towns, such as Gorlice and Tarnow, which were close to the front, being captured, which leads British military critics to the conclusion that while the German allies have won important local successes, they have not driven the Russians far back. Should they do this, however, it is asserted that a general retreat of the Russians would be imperative and that the whole Carpathian offensive, on which the Muscovites have spent so much time and so many lives, would be nullified.

The Russian side of the story is anxiously awaited, for a big success in the east, it is believed here, would mean an immediate commencement of operations on a large scale in the west, for which the Germans already are preparing.

In Belgium thus far the fighting has been confined to the Ypres region, where the Germans claim to have captured some villages which the British say they evacuated in the process of readjusting their line.

Rumors concerning operations against the Dardanelles were confirmed when the British war office and admiralty issued reports stating that after beating off Turkish attacks the allied forces had taken the offensive on the Gallipoli peninsula and now were advancing into the interior. The Turks, on their side, continue to report the defeat of landing parties and damage done to allied warships, which are keeping up a lively bombardment of the Turkish forts, both in the Dardanelles straits and at Smyrna.

It was reported that the Vali of Smyrna was negotiating with the allies for the surrender of his territory. No confirmation of this report has been received. The Germans say they have made further progress with their raid into the Baltic provinces of Russia and that they have defeated the Russians there, as well as along the East Prussian frontier.

German submarines Tuesday sank the steamer Minterne and two trawlers.

Unwelcome Birds.

The blackbird nuisance is breaking out earlier this year than ever before. Usually the myriads of birds come into town to roost in the shade trees late in the summer or early in the fall. This year with the trees hardly in leaf yet, the van guards of the feathered invaders are already here. The people are confronted by the necessity of doing something at once to scare them away. It can be done with roman candles, but fireworks are expensive and the birds come back again. Shotguns will kill some of them, but the game laws and city ordinances prevent shooting as a remedy. There is an urgent demand for boys who can climb the trees at night, catch them by putting salt on their tails.